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## JOLLY OLD UNCLE JOSH.

His Great Generosity Towards His Newly Married Niece.

A REALISTIC ROMANCE OF PUNTA GORDA IN WHICH A NUMBER OF PROMINENT BUSINESS MEN TAKE PART.

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"Miss Summers—Polly—I—er—dare I—"

"But the speaker took a header over bashfulness, only to hear a sweet

"Yes, Charley."

"Can I aspire to—or—to—that—is—"

Again a lapse into silence, followed by an encouraging

"Yes, Charley."

"Oh, if I might only hope to—or—to—"

Another failure of language. It was seemingly a hopeless case, and might have been, only for a demure

"Charley, I have said 'yes' twice, and if you mean it, I mean it, too, and—"

And to this day that young man will insist that he popped the question.

All this happened away "down east," and it wasn't long before there was a wedding. Not much longer before there was a letter from Polly's Uncle Josh, (Hon. Joshua Turner, an old pioneer of Florida) rich, generous and level headed, who wrote effusively of his delight at her exhibition of what he called "grit," and he proposed that if the young people would locate at Punta Gorda he would start them up in life, as a wedding gift, having fully explained that this is the best spot in the world for young married people to get a good start. Of course they accepted and were soon bidding their friends adieu.

A few weeks subsequent to the above conversation a travel-stained party arrived in Punta Gorda. Our friend, Uncle Josh, was in charge, and he led the party straightway to the Hotel Dade. "We'll go to the Hotel Dade," said he, "because that's the popular place and strictly first-class. I have known Mrs. Roe, the manager, for years, and she is mine hostess after mine own heart; being endowed with that delightful intuition that makes a guest feel at home, comfortable, contented, and in mighty good luck. The house is one of convenience; the apartments are well furnished and the cuisine—well, that hotel is noted for its excellent table, so I have engaged rooms here until your own house is in readiness."

"After breakfast is over," continued the old man, "I must take you for a little drive and then we'll proceed to buy your outfit. To expedite matters I'll just call up phone No. 12, and have R. S. Windham, our enterprising liveman, send us around a rig."

When the handsome carriage, with its elaborate trappings and prancing horses drew up in front of the hotel, Polly declared it to be a turnout fit for a queen. "Yes Sir—ee," replied Uncle Josh, "that's a pretty neat rig—the three S's, Speed, Safety and Style is Windham's coat of arms, and best of all, the rates are mighty reasonable. Wisdom's wedding, party and funeral equipments are unsurpassed. It was in a stylish turnout indeed that the rounds of the city were made."

"No grass shall grow under our feet," remarked Uncle Josh, "so what's first on the program?" "Oh, goodness knows, there's lots to buy," remarked Polly. "Then suppose we buy 'lots' first," quoth Charley without turning a hair. "Well, I see you've got a great head for business."

"We'll just stop at A. W. Gilchrist's real estate office. I can always depend upon him for bargains in real estate, as he never holds out false lights to induce people to buy, but what he tells you about property may be set down as solid facts. A. W. Gilchrist controls 20 lots in Woods' addition; best and cheapest lots in town; three blocks east of the railroad; sells lots of the Florida Commercial Company, and also sells timber, turpentine, pineapples and orange lands, and his judgment on the 'good things' is par excellence. Accordingly, Mr. Gilchrist accompanied the trio on their drive and before returning had sold to Uncle Josh for his ward a cozy cottage and a fine tract of timber land."

"Having already provided a cage for the bird," said Uncle Josh, "now the first thing we'll look after will be the furnishings for it." Hereupon Polly energetically declared that she had heard so much about A. C. Freeman that she had decided to go there. The result was that they were ushered into such a bewildering display that the girl was at first at a loss how to select. But she soon yielded to the seductiveness of a magnificent parlor suite, a bed-room set in oak, golden finish, that would do credit to old Mr. Klondyke himself. To this she added an easy rocker for Uncle Josh, and didn't forget a most convenient and ornamental writing desk for "Hubby" Charley, having come to the conclusion A. C. Freeman's prices were below the very whisper of competition.

"A pretty good start," said the old man, "now we'll go into Z. C. Freeman's big hardware and stove store."

Woman like, Polly was discussing the matter of how she would arrange her new home and was interrupted by Uncle Josh. "And those house fixin's remind me," said he, "that you haven't got your dishes yet. Now, the most famous stock in town, for extent, quality and completeness is right here at Freeman's. There isn't a positively, a thing in the line of china, crockery, glass or porcelain needed for use or ornament in any part of the house that can not be found here in indefinite variety and at wonderfully low prices." Freeman also has a splendid stock of lamps of every description and decorated ware in abundance. Polly's big order suggested her thorough appreciation.

"Well, sent my!" exclaimed Uncle Josh, with a David Harum accent, as they reached the street. I must run over to the Punta Gorda Bank and get another check book. Come along with me and get acquainted with Mr. Williams and staff, for of course you will do business with them and it is always more pleasant to be personally acquainted with the people you do business with. This bank is as solid as the base of the universe, is managed on safe conservativeness, and has a strong working capital. You will find them ever ready to extend any accommodations compatible with business principles."

"Then I'll open an account with the Punta Gorda Bank right away," replied Charley, and he did.

"Oh, say, Uncle," exclaimed Polly, "where can I go for dry goods. This dress is hardly suitable. I must admit."

"Well, my girl, if you want to select from one of the most popular establishments in the city, I will direct you to the Earnest Dry Goods Company which carries a stock of dry goods that for variety and real value is seldom seen outside the largest metropolitan cities. The Earnest Dry Goods Company has all the latest weaves in fashionable dress goods and you are sure to be guided right in your selections. You will find Mr. Earnest pleasant to deal with and his employees polite and expert, while the prices cannot be duplicated."

It did not take Polly long to tell a bargain when she saw one. She got a handsome dress, with all necessary trimmings, and several other articles of "fantastic disarray" so dear to the heart of every woman.

While Uncle Josh was pondering where to go next, Polly suddenly asked: "Uncle, where can I find the leading millinery establishment?"

"Right here, my girl, at the Earnest Dry Goods Company, who, by the way, have on hand one of the complete stocks of millinery to be found in the city. You can get what you want there, the latest styles and lowest prices being their motto. The ladies' good taste and experience of that department guarantees that when you have purchased of the Earnest Dry Goods Company you have the thing according to fashion and a satisfaction that your work has been done by a competent artist."

In a few minutes there never was a happier girl than Polly, for she got a "perfect dream" of a hat, and the bill didn't scare Uncle Josh, either.

"After this visit, Uncle Josh suggested a resort to some place of refreshment. At the refreshment table the old man waxed philosophical. "Never neglect your larder," said he. "That important adjunct to house-keeping controls masculine temper. To that end you must patronize a grocer on whom you can depend for honest goods. Through a long term of years I have found B. Bassett & Co. perfectly reliable. You will find this a careful firm, always fully stocked with every possible thing in the line of staple and fancy groceries, fresh and first-class, no shelf-ware goods there, while the prices are down to brass tacks. To keep peace in this family get all your groceries of B. Bassett & Co."

"And while we are on this important topic of gastronomy," continued Uncle Josh, "we must not forget meat. It goes hand in hand with bread. Now the next thing is a good market where you can get fresh,

wholesome meats, poultry, etc., at all times, and, according to my notion, Bassett & Co. are the only ones to supply you. This is the best meat market in the city and is popular with everybody who is particular to have the best. The reason for this is all because Bassett & Co. are very careful in the selection of stock, get the best of everything and keep it fresh on cold storage. To keep your 'hubby' in a good humor, Polly, trade at Bassett & Co's, either for meat or groceries." Good advice.

"Halt!" commanded Uncle Josh, as the party came in front of W. A. Roberts' drug store. "Walk right in."

"Why, Uncle, we're not sick, and—"

"Guess I know that," laughed the old man, "but I suspect it won't be long before this young man begins to take an interest in matters of paregoric and—"

"U-n-c-l-e!" "We'll go in anyway and get acquainted, besides Polly may find some toilet articles she wants." Sure enough, before leaving he was loaded down with combs, brushes, face powders and several bottles of fine perfumes.

"Don't forget," added Uncle Josh, "to come here with your prescriptions, as Roberts and his clerks are competent pharmacists who use none but pure and reliable drugs."

At this point, somewhat to the confusion of Charley, the old man indulged in a half serious criticism of his personal appearance. "You are decidedly off style for a townsman," said he, "and we'd better go see R. C. Blount about some new duds."

That's an up-to-date place, where they understand the changing styles and are noted for good fits, and I bet you'll look more like a newly married man when you get togged out in a R. C. Blount suit." Accordingly, having found goods and prices irresistible, Charley purchased a neat suit and then invested in a complete outfit of men's furnishings from a late style hat down to sock, and he readily agreed that Uncle Josh took him to the right place when he took him to R. C. Blount's.

"Oh me! Oh my!" ejaculated Polly as she noticed the show cases, "what a perfectly lovely Oxford tie."

"Yes," said Uncle Josh, "Blount's stock can't be equalled in style and extent in this section. Look it over and pick out what you want and I'll foot the bill."

It might have been policy not to have extended that invitation, had not Uncle Josh known what wise economy it is to trade at Blount's, for Polly found goods and prices so seductive that she purchased almost a dozen ties of different styles, while Charley invested in gent's fine shoes and Uncle Josh indulged in a stout boot, with rubbers for the crowd. No one needing footwear or clothing can resist the styles and prices offered by R. C. Blount.

"Yum, yum!" laughingly escaped Polly's rosy lips, as she glanced into J. B. Cox's attractive confectionery store. "Uncle Josh, you know I've got a sweet tooth, and those home-made candies look so nice I just can't resist the temptation to go in."

Charley here objected, "cause he knew if Polly got into a confectionery store once, there's where she'd likely want to stay. He relented, however, when Uncle Josh said, "soft drinks, my boy." So in they went, and after regaling themselves in delicious soda waters, the girl loaded upon chocolates and bonbons enough to make every tooth in the county ache. Polly was a splendid judge of sweetmeats, and she indulged in a profuse compliment to what she found at J. B. Cox's.

"Laud sakes! Uncle Josh," ejaculated Polly as they came in front of a show window, "here's a nice novelty store and I must have some souvenirs for my friends back home."

"Not sed, not sed," laughed the old gentleman. "Walk right in and I'll introduce you to Robinson & Co., and I think you'll agree that though they sell fancy goods they don't ask fancy prices for 'em."

Polly was soon reveling in a perfect aliyum of beautiful souvenir goods and her purchases included rare Japanese novelties, elegant vases and cups and hand-painted china of various descriptions; articles of silver ware and such like, enough to make all of her friends back East not to forget they were still remembered by her. It will not be Polly's last visit to Robinson & Co.

"Now," cried the old gentleman, "now, for a picture of this town. In good old country fashion we'll go to the photograph gallery of my friend, J. Anderson, who has a good one. His pictures are wonderful in fidelity and finish. I want one full sized photo for my study and some small ones for my friends. Anderson has the soul of a true artist; all his work is a labor of love, in which he will not stop short of perfection. As he is famous for successful enlarging, I want to give you a life-size representation of yours truly?" (The pictures of Uncle Josh, Polly and Charley may all be seen at J. Anderson's studio any time the reader desires to call.)

En route to their home the party called at THE HERALD office.

"You'll want the news every week," remarked Uncle Josh, "and as this is the favorite paper here, I'll subscribe."

Upon summing up the wonderful events of the day Polly began to volubly express her thanks. "You have bought us everything," she exclaimed.

"Only one thing," replied Uncle Josh, reflectively, "but I can remedy that. Freeman always has a nice line of them and you can get one whenever you want it; I'll pay for the best."

"Why?" exclaimed Polly with great surprise. "Uncle, what can it be?"

"Well, it's a baby carriage, and—"

But Polly had fainted.

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